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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

MS Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the election/restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed September 12, 2005, applicant hereby provisionally elects Species I for continued examination, with traverse.

The Examiner has required restriction between:

Species I: FIGS. 1-6

Species II: FIGS. 7-8

Based on a review of the claims, Applicants elect claims 1 and 3-21, which read on Species I, with traverse. In view of the significant overlap between the claims of Species I and II, and the presence of generic claims, it is respectfully submitted that the Examiner will be required to search art not only related to Species I, but also related to Species II as part of the analysis of the generic claims. Currently, at least claims 1 and 3-21 read on Species I.

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Upon the allowance of a generic claim, Applicants will be entitled to consideration of claims to other species in addition to the elected specie, provided that all claims to each additional species are written in dependent form or otherwise include all the limitations of an allowed generic claim as provided by 37 CFR 1.141.

If the Examiner has any questions with respect to this communication, he is kindly urged to call the undersigned. Applicant believes no fee is due with this response.

Respectfully submitted,

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